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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice dated December 4, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After Page 14, please substitute the attached Sequence Listing for any Sequence Listing previously filed in the application.

## **REMARKS**

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants are submitting a revised Sequence Listing which overcomes the objections pointed out in the Notice dated December 4, 2001, as well as a copy of the paper sequence in computer readable form.